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SUBJ: COUNTERFEIT US CURRENCY

1. HONDURAS POLICE IN SAN PEDRO SULA UNCOVERED LAST WEEK OVER 23 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN COUNTERFEIT US BILLS IN DENOMINATIONS OF 50, 20, 10, AND 5 DOLLARS. REMAINING SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM ORIGINAL 30 THOUSAND BROUGHT INTO HONDURAS FROM COLOMBIA IS IN LOCAL CIRCULATION.

2. ACCORDING TO POLICE TWO HONDURAN NATIONALS JESUS J. HANDAL AND MANUEL GARCIA GARZA PURCHASED COUNTERFEITS IN COLOMBIA FOR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM YET UNREVEALED SOURCE.

3. CONSOFF HAS OBTAINED FROM POLICE ONE SAMPLE OF EACH DENOMINATION AND WILL FORWARD SAME TO DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSMITTAL TO TREASURY. BILLS ARE FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES: 50 DOLLAR ATLANTA, GA. SERIES 1963A NO. F90298240H; 20 DOLLAR SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. SERIES 1969B NO. A 18588138; 10 DOLLAR NEW YORK, N.Y. SERIES 1969 NO. E07499548D; 5 DOLLAR ATLANTA, GA. SERIES 1969B NO. F82646506A.

4. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD FURTHER INFORMATION AS DEVELOPED BY LOCAL POLICE INVESTIGATION AND THROUGH COOPERATION OF CENTRAL BANK. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY SPECIFIC ACTION OR INFORMATION DESIRED.

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